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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 18-23—HB 5255

Human Services Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

SUMMARY: This act makes the Autism Spectrum Disorder Council permanent. Under prior law, the council terminated on June 30, 2018.

By law, the Autism Spectrum Disorder Council consists of 25 members, including persons with the disorder; their parents or guardians; and service providers appointed by the governor and legislative leaders. The council must advise the Department of Social Services (DSS) on policies and programs for people with autism spectrum disorder, services provided by DSS's Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services, and implementing the autism feasibility study's recommendations. It can also recommend policy and program changes to the DSS commissioner.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage